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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

Name (MFP)

Paradise/Denio

Activity

Recreation

Objective Number

1

Objective:

Promote the understanding of the natural resources in the Paradise/Denio Resource Area and the role the BLM plays in managing these resources.

Rationale:

The general public has little idea of what resources are on public lands or of the Bureau's relationship. A program to inform the public and to interpret for them the relationships between may lead to a better protection of the resources. An interpretation program is probably the appropriate means for doing so. Through understanding, appreciation; through appreciation, protection.

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RECOMMENDATION-ANALYSIS-DECISION

Name (MFP)		
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Overlay Reference		
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1.1 Recommendation:

MFP 1

Establish information/interpretation brochures of recreation activities and resources in the Resource Area. These should include but not be limited to geology, botany, off-road vehicles, zoology, collecting (rocks and minerals), fishing, camping and hunting.

Rationale:

The rationale for this recommendation closely parallels that of the original objective. Also, brochures are easy to carry, go where the visitor goes, make excellent souvenirs, supply answers to regularly asked questions and are relatively inexpensive. Through the use of brochures, the message can be distributed outside of the area by taking advantage of commercial outlets or the local Chamber of Commerce. This would be excellent public relations for the Bureau.

Support:

Technical services, Public Affairs Staff and Resource Specialists.

Rec. 1.1

Multiple Use Analysis

No conflicts.

Complements:

Wilderness 1.2 Establish a public informational program to inform the general public of the status of wilderness study units within the Paradise-Denio Resource Area.

Cultural Resources 1.1 Immediately refer the following properties to the District Recreation Specialist to be considered for public interpretation.

No conflicts were identified with this recommendation. The development of an interpretation program should be compatible with other multiple-use programs in the resource area. The program is positive in nature but would have slight social or economic impacts.

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Recreation 1.2

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1.1 Recommendation:

Draw MFP 1
Working
Establish further research for the following areas and determine which areas can support an interpretative program; then establish such programs. Also, maintain fire protection for these areas. These areas are prioritized under each heading.

Historical

Humboldt River Emigrant Trail
Peter Ogden's Exploration Route
Paiute Creek Battleground
Hill Beachy Stage Line Cutoff
Jungo
Sulphur
Paradise Well
Battle Creek Battleground
Davytown
Stage Roads to Tuscarora/Cornucopia, Paradise Valley and
Silver City, Idaho
Ashdown
Varyville
Kelley Creek Battleground
Awakening
Central Pacific Railroad
Old French Canal
Camp Overend
Queen City
Hardscrabble
Gouge Eye
Dyke
Florence
Miller and Lux Properties
Tungsten
Laural
Disaster Peak Mine
Red Butte
Jumbo
Getchell Mine

Archeological

Onion Valley Archeological Sites
Chimney Creek Reservoir Archeological Sites
Pole Canyon Petroglyphs

Eugene mountains Petroglyphs

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1.1 Recommendation (continued)

Natural Features

Natural Features of the Pine Forest
Winnemucca Mountain
Winnemucca Sand Dunes
North Fork of The Little Humboldt Gorge
Rim of Great Basin
Disaster Peak
Rock Creek Gorge
Owyhee Desert
Jordan Meadow Area
BLM Lone Willow Project
BLM Asa More Project

Rationale:

Part of the rationale is the same as in the original objective. Let people know what is going on in the Resource Area. Interpretation is an educational activity which aims to reveal meaning and relationships through the use of original objects, by firsthand experience and by illustrative media, rather than simply to communicate factual information.

Support:

Fire, ATROW, Cadastral, Technical Services, Sign Shop, Public Affairs, Resource Specialists.

Multiple Use Recommendations

Combine with Rec. 1.1

MFP II

Multiple Use Recommendation

Develop an interpretive master plan for the Resource Area to include signs, brochures, and interpretive trails. The plan should include historical, archeological, geologic, botanical, zoologic, and natural features, also Bureau projects and programs.

Establish further research for the following areas and determine which areas can support an interpretative program; then establish such programs. Also, maintain fire protection for these areas. These areas are prioritized under each heading.

Historical

Humboldt River Emigrant Trail
 Peter Ogden's Exploration Route
 Paiute Creek Battleground
 Hill Beachy Stage Line Cutoff
 Jungo
 Sulphur
 Paradise Well
 Battle Creek Battleground
 Daveytown
 Stage Roads to Tuscarora/Cornucopia, Paradise Valley and
 Silver City, Idaho
 Ashdown
 Varyville
 Kelley Creek Battleground
 Awakening
 Central Pacific Railroad
 Old French Canal
 Camp Overend
 Queen City
 Hardscrabble
 Gouge Eye
 Dyke
 Florence
 Miller and Lux Properties
 Tungsten
 Loral
 Disaster Peak Mine
 Red Butte
 Jumbo
 Getchell Mine

Archeological

Onion Valley Archeological Sites
 Chimney Creek Reservoir Archeological Sites
 Pole Canyon Petroglyphs
 Eugene Mountains Petroglyphs
 Ezra's Retreat
 Pole Canyon Rockshelter

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Winnemucca Mountain
Winnemucca Sand Dunes
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Disaster Peak
Rock Creek Gorge
Owyhee Desert
Jordan Meadow Area
BLM Lone Willow Project
BLM Asa Moore Project

Rationale

An interpretive program will serve to heighten the public's awareness of Bureau programs and management. Directional signing is well received by the public and informational signing, i.e., meadow restoration projects, is a good avenue to gain support/approval of Bureau projects and programs.

Support

All Specialists
Public Affairs
Operations
Kingman Sign Shop

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

To be completed by end of FY 86

Research to be Contracted = \$10,500

Time to administer contract
2WM at \$1,700 per WM = \$ 3,400

TOTAL \$13,400

It is impossible to determine how much is to be spent on each site until it is established which sites are to be interpreted and the degree of interpretation.

Multiple Use Analysis

Conflict

None

Complement

Wilderness 1.2 Establish a public informational program to inform the general public of the status of wilderness study units within the Paradise-Denio Resource Area.

Cultural Resources 1.1 Immediately refer the following properties to the District Recreation Specialist to be considered for public interpretation.

No conflicts were identified with this recommendation. The development of an interpretation program should be compatible with other multiple-use programs in the resource area. The program is positive in nature but would have slight social or economic impacts.

MFP III DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the MFP II recommendation.

Establish an interpretive program concerning these sites if evaluation proves that interpretation is warranted. Maintain fire protection for those areas that have significant values.

Historical

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Sulphur
Paradise Well
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Stage Roads to Tuscarora/Cornucopia, Paradise Valley and
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Hardscrabble
Gouge Eye
Dyke
Florence
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Tungsten
Laural
Disaster Peak Mine
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Archeological

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Paradise-Denio

Activity

Recreation 2.1

Objective Number

2

Objective:

Provide as many recreation opportunities as possible in the Paradise-Denio Resource Area.

Rationale:

When people come to the area to recreate, the opportunity should be present for them to make full use of the land's resource in a non-destructive manner. This will include several different approaches.

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Activity

Recreation 2.1

Overlay Reference

Step 1

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2.1 Recommendation:

MFP 1

Establish new reservoirs for water-related recreation activities.

Rationale:

In Nevada, water bodies are not a common phenomenon. Their presence increases the number of recreation activities that can occur. While the resource area does have several, more are needed closer to Winnemucca, the largest population center for the area. Having other lakes would ease the recreation pressure present on other lakes.

Support:

Operations (engineering and design),
Water rights

Multiple Use Analysis

Complements:

Wildlife Aquatic 1.11 Develop new fish habitat through the establishment of reservoirs.

Conflicts:

Cultural Resources 1.7 Designate all sites and areas on the Cultural Resources Sensitivity Overlay as ACECs.

Minerals 1.1 Do not make any land use decisions that would interfere with mineral development.

Watershed 3.3 Eliminate all surface disturbing activities from areas identified as having a deteriorating erosion trend or presently in critical or severe erosion condition, having a high erosion susceptibility or a high vegetal soil factor.

Wilderness 1.4 Identify activities that jeopardize wilderness suitability.

Water related recreational activities are far and few in the Resource Area and Nevada as a whole. New reservoirs of sufficient size to at least provide for a fishery would be very well received.

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Multiple Use Recommendation

Establish new reservoirs for water-related recreation activities.

No water development will be authorized, funded, or constructed on public lands unless a water right is acquired.

Rationale

Through proper planning and design, suitable sites would provide the public an enjoyable recreational experience on their public lands.

Support

Operations

All Specialists

Cadastral Survey

Water Rights

NSO Technical Service (Survey, Design feasibility)

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

To be completed by the end of FY 90.

Forty WM @ \$1,700 each = \$68,000

Equipment to write RMPs = \$ 3,500

TOTAL \$75,500

The amount of funding required to implement the RMPs will depend on what is planned.

MFP 111 DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Identify new reservoir sites for water-related recreation activities and encourage their development particularly in cooperation with other agencies state and local government and interested private parties.

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Recreation 2.2

Overlay Reference

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2.2 Recommendation:

Provide for general recreation needs by writing and implementing Recreation Management Plans for the area listed below. These plans will stress but not be limited to the recreation activities listed after the area.

North Fork Little Humboldt River Gorge - Geological sightseeing, off-road vehicles and hunting (big game and upland game),

Jordan Meadow Mountain - Disaster Peak Area - Off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game), rock and mineral collecting, winter sports and sightseeing,

Owyhee Desert - Off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game), and geologic and zoologic sightseeing,

Winnemucca Sand Dunes - Bloody Run Hills - Off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game) and botanic and geologic sightseeing,

Montana Mountains - Winter sports, off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game) and rock and mineral collecting,

Jackson Range-King Lear Peak - Hunting (big game), fishing, rock and mineral collecting, off-road vehicles, and sightseeing (scenery),

Black Rock Desert - Off-road vehicles, collecting (rocks and minerals),

Black Rock Range - Big game hunting, collecting (rocks and minerals), off-road vehicles and fishing,

Pueblo Mountains - Hunting (big game and upland game), collecting (rocks and minerals),

Pine Forest Range-Blue Lake - Hunting (big, small, and upland game), fishing, picnicking, camping, botanic, geologic and zoologic sightseeing and off-road vehicles,

Headwaters of the Kings River - Hunting (big game and upland game), collecting (rocks and minerals), fishing and off-road vehicles,

Continental Lake - Hunting (waterfowl) and zoologic and geologic sightseeing.

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

(Instructions on reverse)

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Rec. 2.2 (continued)

Minerals 6.1 Make no land use decisions which would interfere with geothermal development.

Minerals 6.5 Make no land use decision which would interfere with oil and gas development.

The recommendation is consistent with Bureau multiple use programs. The implementation of recreation plans and facilities would have social value.

Multiple Use Recommendation

Reason

MFP II

1. Accept the recommendation.

1. Recreation management plans are consistent with Bureau multiple use programs. The implementation of these plans and facilities would have a social benefit.

Support

Recreation - Visitor use data traffic counters, etc.

All Specialists

Operations - Use smooth wire on all gate latches and road maintenance

Public Affairs

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

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2.2 Rationale:

These areas were identified in the Unit Resource Analysis as either having present recreation activities or having prime potential for recreation. Plans should be made to maximize the potential these places offer. In order that any developments or actions in these areas proceed smoothly, Recreation Management Plans are required. These plans could outline proposed official designations, mineral withdrawal and establish off-road vehicle designations. They could also prevent damage to the resources by channeling people away from fragile areas to those locations that can handle more use.

Support:

Resource Specialists,
Operations

Multiple Use Analysis

Complements:

Watershed 3.1 Reduce or eliminate accelerated erosion throughout the planning area by increasing ground cover through the use of management plans.

Wilderness 2.1 Recommend that a Wilderness Management plan be established for each Wilderness Area.

Conflicts:

Cultural Resources 1.7 Designate all sites and areas identified on the Cultural Resource Sensitivity Overlay as ACECs.

Lands 2.1 Agricultural land disposals

Lands 6.1 Utility right-of-way corridors

Lands 7.1 Develop communication sites

Minerals 1.1 Make no land use decisions which would interfere with mineral development.

Minerals 5.1 Make no land use decisions which would interfere with leasing and development of sodium and potassium.

Paradise-Denio MFP III
Recreation 2.2

As Currently Written:

Use the suggested listing as a guide for future Recreation Management Plan's writing and implementation.

Recreation Management Plans (RMPs) would lead to the organized development of an area's recreational values.

Priorities should be established for RMP development, this listing (as shown in the MFP I Recommendation) should be considered as a guide for RMP priorities.

North Fork Little Humboldt River Gorge - Geological sightseeing, off-road vehicles, and hunting (big game and upland game),

Jordan Meadow Mountain-Disaster Peak Area - Off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game), rock and mineral collecting, winter sports, and sightseeing,

Owyhee Desert - Off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game), and geologic and zoologic sightseeing,

Winnemucca Sand Dunes-Bloody Run Hills - Off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game), and botanic and geologic sightseeing,

Montana Mountains - Winter sports, off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game), and rock and mineral collecting,

Jackson Range-King Lear Peak - Hunting (big game), fishing, rock and mineral collecting, off-road vehicles, and sightseeing (scenery),

Black Rock Desert - Off-road vehicles and collecting (rocks and minerals),

Black Rock Range - Big game hunting, collecting (rocks and minerals), off-road vehicles, and fishing,

Pueblo Mountains - Hunting (big game and upland game) and collecting (rocks and minerals),

Pine Forest Range-Blue Lake - Hunting (big, small, and upland game), fishing, picnicking, camping, botanic, geologic, and zoologic sightseeing, and off-road vehicles,

Headwaters of the Kings River - Hunting (big game and upland game), collecting (rocks and minerals), fishing, and off-road vehicles,

Continental Lake - Hunting (waterfowl) and zoologic and geologic sightseeing.

Change To:

Complete Recreation Management Plans on the following areas in the priority listed.

Special Recreation Areas:

Pine Forest Range

Extensive Recreation Areas:

The remainder of the Paradise-Denio Resource Area

Rationale:

The above change more closely follows the Bureau's most recent Recreation Management policy. All of the uses listed in the protests to this decision are extensive recreational uses and are allowed everywhere on the public lands.

The extent and type of recreation management on the public lands must be differentiated to respond both to identified public issues and management concerns and to the varied nature of existing recreation resources. The administrative delineation of extensive and special recreation management areas is required for this purpose.

- a. Extensive Recreation Management Areas. A majority of the public lands are managed as extensive recreation management areas where management actions to facilitate recreation use are limited primarily to providing basic information (including maps and signs) and access. Visitors in these areas are expected to rely primarily on their own equipment, knowledge, skills, and other resources in their recreational pursuits.
- b. Special Recreation Management Areas. In response to public issues or management concerns, a small proportion of the public lands may receive special or more intensive recreation management. Major investments in recreation facilities and visitor assistance are authorized in these areas for dealing with identified issues and concerns and subsequently defined management objectives. These objectives must be related to reducing resource damage, solving visitor health and safety problems, mitigating conflicts, or providing the public with scarce recreation opportunities that are unavailable without management.

Persons-Organizations That Have Protested This Decision:

Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club, Reno, Nevada.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

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Jordan Meadow Mountain - Disaster Peak Area - Off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game), rock and mineral collecting, winter sports and sightseeing,

Owyhee Desert - Off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game), and geologic and zoologic sightseeing,

Winnemucca Sand Dunes - Bloody Run Hills - Off-road vehicles, hunting (big game and upland game) and botanic and geologic sightseeing,

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Recreation 2.3

Overlay Reference

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2.3 Recommendation:

MFP 1

Establish areas where wild horses can be viewed at the following locations:

1. Owyhee Desert
2. Winnemucca Mountain
3. Bloody Run Hills

Rationale:

The wild horse is closely entwined with the mystique of the "Old West" Opportunities should exist to enable the visitor to see them in a wild and free-roaming situation. The Owyhee Desert and Winnemucca Mountain represent opposite ends of a horse/people management concept. Winnemucca Mountain would have few horses but would reach many people. The Owyhee Desert would have a larger number of horses but fewer people.

This recommendation involves two aspects. First, horse management areas would be set up so the animals would actually be present. Second, viewing areas would have to be established in or around these management areas.

Establishment of management areas will allow the rest of the district to remove the horses outside these areas or trespass them.

On-site interpretation could be established as a part of these areas.

Support:

Technical Services,
Wild Horse Specialist,
Operations (Engineering, Design)
Sign Shop

Paradise-Denio MFP III
Wild Horses and Burros 2.1
Recreation 2.3

As Currently Written:

Attempt to establish a wild horse viewing area on Winnemucca Mountain. Work out details such as water needs, fencing, and cooperative agreements through CRMP. (Note: The area involved is checkerboard lands where the landowners have requested wild horse removal, therefore this decision must be thoroughly coordinated.)

Change To:

The decision will remain as originally written.

Rationale:

The wild horse is closely entwined with the mystique of the "Old West." Opportunities should exist to enable the visitor to see them.

This decision is not intended to set up sanctuaries but rather to provide access into areas where there is good populations of wild horses and where the visitor would have a high probability of viewing them.

Support for a wild horse viewing area near Winnemucca has been received from the local CRMP group and a rancher who runs livestock close to town in the checkerboard area. He has suggested that a small herd of horses be maintained close to town where visitors can easily view them. This kind of cooperative situation may exist elsewhere on the district and can be pursued with very little expenditure of public funds.

Persons-Organizations That Have Protested This Decision:

Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club, Reno, Nevada.

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REC 2.3

Multiple Use Recommendation

Establish wild horse viewing areas on the Velma Johnston Horse Management Area (Owyhee Spring Range).

Rationale

Winnemucca Mountain and the Bloody Run lie in the checkerboard pattern where the private landowners have requested the Bureau to remove wild horses from their lands. A land exchange for these private lands is not feasible at this time. The majority of the lands in these two areas is in private ownership.

Support

All Specialists
Operations
Palomino Facility

MFP III

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

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2.4 Recommendation:

Identify areas where off-road events can be conducted and establish a
Recreation Management Plans for them.

MFP I

Rationale:

Off-road vehicle use is a highly popular activity in the resource area. Present use is widespread and there are few restrictions. If an ORV is operating on fragile ground, it could initiate erosion. An area where people can drive around and tear up the ground to their heart's content would appeal to many and would take the pressure off more fragile areas.

Support:

Operations, Resource Specialists

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Recreation 2.4

Multiple Use Analysis

Multiple Use Recommendations

Reasons

Change the recommendation as follows:

The recommendation is in accordance with EO 11644 and 43 CFR.

1. Designate the following lands in the Paradise-Denio Resource Area as closed to motor vehicles: the Pine Forest Area as published in the Federal Register on June 7, 1977.

1. The Pine Forest Vehicle public Closure as initiated in 1979 was a temporary measure to protect a glacial lake and surroundings. The closure is working and should be made permanent.

2. Designate the following areas as restricted to vehicle use:
a. The roads within the Bighorn sheep reintroduction areas as listed from February 1 to May 31 (the lambing season) after the sheep are reintroduced.

2. Once bighorn sheep are reintroduced roads and ways through or very near to their lambing areas will be closed from 2/1 to 5/31 to prevent undue stress on these animals during a very critical time. Wilderness Study Areas should have restrictions to stay on the trail and no off-road travel to protect the wilderness characteristics of the area pending Congressional decision.

Jackson Mountains
Black Rock Range
Montana Mountains
Santa Rosas
Double H
Pine Forest
Bilk Creek Mountains
Disaster Peak (upper Kings River)
Snowstorm Mountains (Kelly Creek)

Vehicle traffic will be confined to existing ways or trails in Wilderness Study Areas as identified by decision which is to be issued by October 1, 1980.

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Rec 2.4 (continued)

Multiple Use Recommendations

Reasons

2. Roads in the Resource Area that become impassable or undue damage would occur due to weather conditions. The actual roads to be temporarily closed would be announced on local radio and published in local papers and signed.

3. The remainder of the Resource Area is designated as open.

3. Vehicle restrictions on travel as needed to help protect roads from undue damage and accelerated erosion. The temporary closures would only last until the roads have sufficiently dried.

Support

All Specialists
Soil Inventory
Operations
Kingman Sign Shop
Fire Management
Public Affairs

Time Frame and Funding Requirements

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As Currently Written:

The Paradise-Denio Resource Area is open to ORV use with the following exceptions:

1. The Pine Forest Vehicle Closure Area as published in the Federal Register on June 7, 1977.
2. Limit off-road vehicle use during the lambing season (February 1 to May 31) in bighorn sheep use areas as reintroductions are made.
3. Existing roads and trails in a hazardous condition may be closed temporarily or permanently on a case-by-case basis. Permanent road closures will be coordinated with county government.

Change To:

The decision will remain as originally written.

Rationale:

The recommendation is in accordance with Executive Order 11644 and 43 CFR 8364.1-1.

The Pine Forest Vehicle Closure as initiated in 1979 was a temporary measure to protect a glacial lake and surroundings. The closure is working and should be made permanent.

Data collected at Blue Lakes during the past few summers indicates that the public supports the closure of the area to motorized vehicles.

Once bighorn sheep are reintroduced, roads and ways through or very near to lambing areas will be closed from 2/1 to 5/31 to prevent undue stress on these animals during a very critical time.

This decision is designed to prevent undue damage and accelerated erosion on roads that become impassable due to bad weather conditions. When temporary road closures are necessary, the roads would be signed and the closure would be announced on local radio and published in local newspapers. The temporary closures would last only until the roads had sufficiently dried.

It would be impossible to enforce a decision limiting the use of off-road vehicles to existing roads and trails in areas as large as this resource area. The Paradise-Denio Resource Area encompasses approximately 4 million acres of public land.

An environmental assessment is being prepared at the district which will analyze the impact of implementing this decision. The need for an environmental impact statement will be addressed in that assessment.

REC 2.4 (continued)

Multiple Use Recommendation

The remainder of the Resource Area is designated as open.

Rationale

Vehicle restrictions on travel as needed to help protect roads from undue damage and accelerated erosion. The temporary closures would only last until the roads have sufficiently dried.

Support

All Specialists
Soil Inventory
Operations
Kingman Sign Shop
Fire Management
Public Affairs.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

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Persons-Organizations That Have Protested This Decision:

Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club, Reno, Nevada.

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Heading MFP Rec 2.4
Component Recreation

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE :

Add to the list of areas closed to ORV use as follows:
All WSAs will be managed to limit off-road vehicle
use to existing ways and trails.

(Describe exact rationale for above change, to include reference material
i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON :

This change is necessary to bring the plan into conformance
with I.M. NV-91-040 " WSA Interim management Policy-
Off Road Vehicles/ Land Use Plan Maintenance."

- ☐ Requires Plan Amendment
☒ Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURE AS APPROPRIATE :

Initiator	<u>Gerald B. Smith</u>	Date	<u>25 July 92</u>
Program Leader	<u>Lynn A. Cleman</u>	Date	<u>28 July 1992</u>
Area Plan/Environ Coord	<u>gln</u>	Date	_____
Area Manager	<u>Scott Bellini</u>	Date	<u>7-28-92</u>
District Manager	<u>Len Wankar</u>	Date	<u>8/24/92</u>

RECREATION

MFP I
Recommendation 2.5

Require that fence design and construction promote safe access across public lands by means of new design and construction or by means of minor reconstruction of old projects.

Rationale

Presently, when people drive up to gates, the gates may be extremely difficult to open or close. While struggling with gate latches, it is easy to cut oneself on a barbed wire fence. Tetanus may be the result of a scratch caused by rusty barbed wire. Also, if the gate is too difficult to close, recreationists may not bother with closing it. This could lead to cattle wandering out of the area. Money would have to be spent rounding up these cattle.

Support

Operations

MFP III
DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale.

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Activity

Recreation 2.6

Overlay Reference

Step 1

Step 3

2.6 Recommendation:

Keep the Pine Forest Vehicle Closure Area in as natural a state as possible, by making the vehicle closure permanent and by making any developments match the naturalness of the area.

MFP 1

Rationale:

The closure in the Pine Forest is only a temporary action until the wilderness inventory can be completed. A permanent action is needed to ensure that the natural values of this area are retained for future generations. This area may not be designated as a wilderness area.

Support:

Resource Specialist
Operations

Multiple Use Analysis

Complement:

Wilderness 1.4 Identify activities that jeopardize wilderness suitability.

Conflict:

Minerals 1.1 Make no land use decisions that would interfere with minimal development.

Fire 1.3 Utilize fire equipment to its maximum design capabilities.

This area is very unique for a northern Nevada landscape and management actions should be directed towards maintaining the landscape's integrity.

Multiple Use Recommendation

Keep the Pine Forest Vehicle Closure Area in as natural a state as possible by making the vehicle closure permanent and by making any developments match the naturalness of the area.

Rationale

This area is rather unique for Nevada and actions should be directed towards maintaining the integrity of the landscape. All actions and projects should be designed and stipulated so that they conform to that landscape. This recommendation is consistent with Recreation 2.2 and 2.4.

Support

All Specialists
Operations
Public Affairs
Fire Management

It is recommended that a law enforcement Ranger system be established for the protection of the proposed wilderness study areas within the Paradise-Denio Resource Area.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale.

Rationale

This recommendation is premature, pending wilderness study review. The naturalness of the area will be preserved by following "Interim Management Policy and Guidelines for Lands Under Wilderness Review."

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Activity

Recreation 2.7

Overlay Reference

Step 1 1 Step 3

2.7 Recommendation:

MFP I

Restrict vehicle use on roads in the Pine Forest Range. This area includes the roads to Knott Creek Reservoir, Onion Valley Reservoir, Little Onion Reservoir and the road marking the boundary of the Pine Forest Vehicle Closure Area.

Rationale:

During certain times of the year, notably during the spring, these roads are muddy and slick. People attempting to use these roads to go into recreation areas may tear them up by causing deep ruts or by accelerating erosion. Restricting people, when travel on the roads may cause damage, would slow down deterioration of the roads.

Support:

Public Affairs, Signs, Media

Multiple Use Analysis

Conflict:

Minerals 1.1 Make no land use decisions that would interfere with mineral development.

The recommendation is consistent with EO 11644. The recommendations would help to reduce erosion and road maintenance costs.

Multiple Use Recommendations

Reasons

1. Accept the recommendation.

1. The recommendation is in accordance with EO 11644 and 43 CFR Part 6290. It should be expanded to include other roads or areas in the Resource Area that require limited access due to weather conditions or other resource values, i.e., bighorn sheep lambing areas (wildlife 2.1.8). This recommendation (2) would be combined with Recreation 2.4 recommendation.

2. Inventory and identify other roads and areas in the Resource Area that should have limited access due to weather or other reasons to protect resource values.

MFP II

Support

ORV Inventory
All Specialists
Soil Inventory
Fire Management
Public Affairs

It is recommended that a law enforcement Ranger system be established for the protection of the proposed wilderness study areas within the Paradise-Denio Resource Area.

MFP III

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale.

Rationale

This is addressed in recommendation R 2.4.

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Name (MFP)

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Activity

Recreation 2.8

Overlay Reference

Step 1 1 Step 3

2.8 Recommendation:

MFP 1

Fight all fires in the Pine Forest Closure with the use of hand tools until such time as the fire threatens to destroy the recreation resource, then allow heavy machinery in the closure area. This is a decision that will be made by either the Area or District Manager.

Rationale:

The Pine Forest should be left in as pristine an environment as possible. To facilitate this purpose, all motorized vehicles should be restricted from a large part of it. However, if a fire threatens to eradicate the recreation resource, the reason for the vehicle restrictions, then it would be senseless to maintain the restriction and vehicles should enter the closure. If the fire is severe enough to warrant heavy equipment, then the Area or District Manager would be kept up-to-date on it. Since the Fire Boss may be unaware of the recreation resource, it should be the responsibility of either the Area or District Manager as to when heavy equipment would be allowed in.

Support:

Fire

Multiple Use Analysis

Complement:

Fire Management 2.1 Develop a fire management program based on the Bureau planning system.

Wilderness 2.3 Fire suppression within WSA be limited to the use of hand tools and fire retardant flying equipment.

Conflict:

Wildlife Aquatic 1.18 That fire lines not be constructed by hand or heavy equipment along the riparian stream zones and fire retardant not be directly applied to streams or waters.

Fire management 1.3 Utilize fire equipment to its maximum design capabilities.

Wild fire can have a very severe effect on resource values and fire suppression equipment at times causes more damage than the fire.

MFP II
Multiple Use Recommendation

Fight all fires in the Pine Forest Closure with the use of hand tools until such time as the fire threatens to destroy the recreation resource, then allow heavy machinery in the closure area. This is a decision that will be made by either the Area or District Manager.

Rationale

Until a fire management plan is prepared for the Resource Area permission to utilize heavy equipment in the Pine Forest Closure must be obtained from the Area Manager or District Manager.

Multiple Use Recommendation

Prepare a Fire Management Plan for the Paradise-Denio Area.

Rationale

A fire management plan is Plan necessary to balance the Resource resources that are being protected with the procedures and equipment used to protect them. The fire boss must know the resource values and any restriction imposed on him when he takes charge of a fire so that he can promptly and efficiently initiate his duties.

Support

All Specialists
Operations
Fire Management
Soil Inventory
Public Affairs

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

A fire management plan should be completed in FY 82.

Multiple Use AnalysisComplement

Fire Management 2.1 - Develop a fire management program based on the Bureau planning system.

Wilderness 2.3 - Fire suppression within WSA be limited to the use of hand tools and fire retardant flying equipment.

MFP III
DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Accept the Area Manager's recommendation and rationale, except that the Interim Management Policy and Guidelines for Lands Under Wilderness Review will apply in the Blue Lakes WSA #600.

RECREATION

Recommendation 2.9

Establish an aggressive system to collect visitor use data. This may involve, but should not be limited to, the use of traffic counters and the hiring of people to collect the data.

Rationale

Very little visitor use data is known in the resource area. The only area that is known is the Pine Forest Range and this is not complete. When there is enough money for only one person, 3/7 of the data for that area is missing. At least two are needed there during the summer plus someone else for the rest of the resource area. Without this data, it is impossible to determine recreation needs and to adequately plan for the future.

Support

None

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale. A MFP decision is not required to do this.

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Overlay Reference	
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2.10 Recommendation:

MFP 1 Maintain all waters in compliance with the Nevada Water Pollution Control Regulations (February 1978).

Rationale:

Much recreation occurs on or near water bodies. Polluted or contaminated water does much to detract from a good recreation experience. Water quality should be kept as high as possible.

Support:

Watershed

Multiple Use Analysis

Complement:

Watershed 1.1 Prevent Bureau and Bureau authorized activities from degrading water quality beyond established standards (Nevada Water Pollution Control Regulations).

Wildlife Aquatic 1.13 Improve the water quality of streams, lakes and reservoirs.

Wilderness 1.4 Identify activities that jeopardize wilderness suitability.

Conflict:

Minerals 1.1 Make no land use decision that would interfere with mineral development.

Minerals 5.1 Make no land use decision that would interfere with leasing and development of sodium and potassium.

Minerals 6.1 Make no land use decision that would interfere with geothermal development.

Minerals 6.5 Make no land use decision that would interfere with oil and gas development.

MFP II Multiple Use Recommendation

Maintain all waters in compliance with the Nevada Water Pollution Control Regulation (February 1978) and continue water quality monitoring.

Rationale

The State of Nevada standards are acceptable and will help enable the Bureau actions to be in accordance with local programs.

Support

Water Quality/Pollution Monitoring
All Specialists
Operations

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

This is expected to be an ongoing process and is expected to cost 3WM per year for a total cost of \$5,100.

MFP III DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Prevent Bureau and Bureau-authorized activities from degrading water quality beyond established standards as specified in the Nevada Water Pollution Control Regulations of 1978 and the Memorandum of Understanding of December 1980 between BLM and the State of Nevada, Division of Environmental Protection, concerning diffuse source water pollution and the Nevada State 208 Water Quality Plan.

Employ feasible Best Management Practices as outlined in the Handbook of Best Management Practices, State of Nevada, in all public land activities (providing the BMPs do not conflict with BLM policy and procedures).

Rationale

Water is an integral and necessary part of all resource activity requirements.

The legal right to water must be pursued in order to gain legal title to the needed quantities.

Demands upon existing waters on public lands will increase. The Bureau must insure that needed quantities are acquired by appropriation, purchase or by other appropriate direction.

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Recreation 2.11

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2.11 Recommendation:

MFP 1

Appropriate water for recreation purposes on public land.

Rationale:

Presently much recreation activity is water oriented, like fishing and boating. These activities mostly happen on reservoirs whose waters are owned by private individuals. They can be drained at any time at the whim of the person who owns the water. There are other water bodies that have good potential to become fisheries except they are drained dry every year. Water should be appropriated to enable these possible fisheries reach their full potential and ensure that present water bodies are not drained dry.

Support:

Water Rights

Multiple Use Analysis

Complement:

Wild Horse and Burros 1.5 Make all water that is presently found on public land available for wild horse and burro use.

Watershed 2.1 Appropriate sufficient water on public lands to support the uses of the public lands.

Wildlife 1.24 Provide an adequate quantity and quality of water sufficient to maintain wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Wildlife Aquatic 1.15 Appropriate water for fisheries.

Range 1.10 Provide an adequate quantity and quality of water sufficient to maintain livestock requirements.

The recommendation is consistent with Bureau multiple use programs.

P II Multiple Use Recommendation

Appropriate water for recreation purposes on public land.

No water developments will be authorized, funded or constructed on public lands unless a water right is acquired.

Rationale

Water rights must be appropriated to protect investments and resource values and programs on public lands.

Support

Water rights filings and surveys
All Specialists

MFP III DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Acquire or provide sufficient water on public lands through permit, adjudication, or purchase processes as provided by Federal and State Water Law and/or other appropriate direction to support the uses of the public lands for wild horses, wildlife, aquatic habitat, livestock, and recreation.

Rationale

Water is an integral and necessary part of all resource activity requirements.

The legal right to water must be pursued in order to gain legal title to the needed quantities.

Demands upon existing waters on public lands will increase. The Bureau must insure that needed quantities of acquiring by appropriation, purchase, or by other appropriate direction.

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Activity

Recreation 2.12

Overlay Reference

Step 1 1 Step 3

2.12 Recommendation

MFP 1

Increase the quality of the recreation experience in the Pine Forest area by restricting the movement of cattle in high density recreation use areas. This restriction would be accomplished by the use of fences and natural barriers.

Rationale

The close proximity of livestock to recreationists (especially campers and picnickers) can be highly displeasing because of overgrazing in certain areas. The presence of fecal matter in and along streams and lakes can be detrimental to the enjoyment and health of people drinking from them. Overgrazing can cause damage to fish habitat through destruction of stabilizing vegetation, loss of shade, increased sedimentation and destruction of spawning beds.

The area of highest recreation use is Onion Valley Reservoir (Big Onion). A fence of 1.1 miles that would connect to other fences would create an area of 855 acres that would not have cattle. This would mean a reduction of 98 AUMs, according to the 1978 range survey. It would cost \$2750 to construct the fence.

Support

Range, Operations.

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Recreation 2.12

Overlay Reference

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REC 2.12

Multiple Use Recommendation

Modify and accept the recommendation as follows:

MFP II

Increase the quality of the recreational experience in the Pine Forest area by restricting livestock use in the Onion Valley Reservoir, Blue Lakes vicinity.

Reason

The Onion Valley area of the Pine Forest (Little Onion Reservoir, Big Onion Reservoir, and Blue Lakes) is a highly used recreational area. With approximately 1 1/2 miles of fence, cattle will be restricted from the area; this would be a reduction of 98 AUMs.

Support

Operations - fence and cattleguards
Range Specialists
Recreation Management Plan

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

Multiple Use Recommendation

Increase the quality of the recreational experience in the Pine Forest area by restricting livestock use in the Onion Valley Reservoir, Blue Lakes vicinity.

Rationale

The Onion Valley area of the Pine Forest (Little Onion Reservoir, Big Onion Reservoir, and Blue Lakes) is a highly used recreational area. With approximately 1 1/2 miles of fence, cattle will be restricted from the area; this would be a reduction of 98 AUMs.

Support

Operations - fence and cattleguards
Range Specialists
Recreation Management Plan

MFP III

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Increase the quality of the recreation experience in the Pine Forest area by restricting cattle in high density recreation use areas.

Coordinate with all interested parties through the CRMP process for the protection and management of the Onion Valley/Blue Lakes area of the Pine Forest. Insure that recreational values are included as objectives in all CRMP plans or AMPs in this area.

Paradise-Denio MFP III
Recreation 2.13

As Currently Written:

Cooperate in the establishment of the National Desert Trail through the district. This cooperation will primarily be in the form of:

1. Helping locate the trail on the ground and on maps.
2. Helping publicize and protect the trail.
3. Retaining the public land on which the trail is located or insuring easements for public access prior to disposal of public parcels.

Change To:

Cooperate in the establishment of the Desert Trail through the district. This cooperation will primarily be in the form of:

1. Helping locate the trail on the ground and on maps.
2. Providing information and protecting the trail.
3. Retaining the public land on which the trail is located or insuring easements for public access prior to disposal of public parcels.

Rationale:

Although believed to have been rejected by the National Park Service (the final report has never been released by the Secretary's Office), the Nevada Division of State Parks and several volunteer organizations have pushed the concept of a desert trail that would run from the Mexican border to the Canadian border. This conforms to the administration's policy of encouraging local and volunteer groups to undertake such operations.

Such a trail would not consist of extensive on-the-ground improvements. Rather, for the greater part, the trail would consist of a several mile corridor with broad, general directions to aid in covering the route. To protect certain sensitive areas because of fragile resources, it may become necessary to physically establish a trail on the ground.

It would not be the Bureau's task to do the work associated with establishing such a trail. Instead, the Bureau would cooperate with the state and the volunteer groups. Primarily by sharing our knowledge of the trail route and doing whatever else we could within reason to protect and enhance the trail.

Persons-Organizations That Have Protested This Decision:

Larry J. Garside, University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, Nevada.

Recommendation Desert Trail

Cooperate with state agencies and private organizations in the establishment of a National Desert Trail. Cooperation would include helping to establish the trail corridor, erecting marker cairns, granting of a right-of-way and, where feasible, aiding in the construction of the trail.

Rationale

Although believed to have been rejected by the National Park Service (the final report has never been released by the Secretary's Office), the Nevada Division of Parks and several volunteer organizations have pushed the concept of a National Desert Trail that would run from the Mexican border to the Canadian border. This conforms to the administration's policy of encouraging local and volunteer groups to undertake such operations. Although only a very few would be expected to complete the entire trail at one time, it is expected that the mystique of a "National Trail" would bring people from close population centers for day or weekend hikes. Some people may want to hike the entire trail in short time periods but spread it out over a period of several years.

Such a trail would normally not consist of extensive ground improvements. Rather, for the greater part, the trail would consist of a several mile corridor with broad, general directions to aid in covering the route. To protect specific areas because of fragile resources, it may become necessary to physically establish a trail on the ground to avoid sensitive spots.

It would not be the Bureau's task to do all of the work associated with establishing such a trail. Instead, the Bureau would work with the State and the volunteer groups to make it a joint project.

Support

Operations
Lands

MFP III DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Cooperate in the establishment of the National Desert Trail through the District. This cooperation will primarily be in the form of

1. Helping locate the trail on the ground and on maps.
2. Helping publicize and protect the trail.
3. Retaining the public land on which the trail is located or insuring easements for public access prior to disposal of public parcels.

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Objective:

Ensure access to recreation areas for the general public.

Rationale:

It is senseless to promote or develop recreaa^{tion} areas if they cannot be reached. Barriers to recreation areas may not only be physical (e.g. bad roads) but also legal (crossing private lands).

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Activity

Recreation 3.1

Overlay Reference

Step 1 1 Step 3

3.1 Recommendation:

MFP : Survey existing roads in the following areas and where possible, initiate steps to obtain rights-of-way: Bartlett Creek, headwaters of the King's River, Knott Creek, Alder Creek, Happy Creek, Battle Creek, Bottle Creek, the Granites, Black Rock Point, Pinto Mountains, Trident Peak, Jackson Mountains-King Lear Peak, North Fork of the Little Humboldt River, Lower Martin Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Singus Creek, Stonehouse Creek, Crowley Creek, Willow Creek, Rebel Creek, Wash O'Neal, Owyhee Desert, Adam Peak, Paradise Valley and the foothills of the Santa Rosas.

Rationale:

These roads cross private land before reaching recreation areas. There is a need to determine which of these roads are public and which are private and where. Presently, access can be cut off by land owners and it would not be known if these actions were legal or illegal.

Support:

Cadastral, Lands, Maintenance

Multiple Use Analysis

Complement:

Fire 1.2 Improve legal access into areas of fire occurrence or of high resource values.

No conflicts.

The recommendation is socially significant, for without legal access the public lands can be closed to the public.

Multiple Use Recommendation

Insure legal access, where consistent with management plans on all Bureau roads to public lands in the Paradise-Denio Resource Area. The following roads require legal access:

Bartlett Creek
Headwaters of the King's River
Knott Creek
Alder Creek
Happy Creek
Battle Creek
Bottle Creek
The Granites
Black Rock Point
Pinto Mountains
Trident Peak
Jackson Mountains-King Lear Peak
North Fork of the Little Humboldt River
Lower Martin Creek
Cottonwood Creek
Singus Creek
Stonehouse Creek
Crowley Creek
Willow Creek
Rebel Creek
Wash O'Neal
Owyhee Desert
Adam Peak
Paradise Valley
Foothills of the Santa Rosa

Rationale

Many if not all Bureau roads have parcels of private land which are included in the road alignment. Easements should be obtained on these parcels to provide legal access to the public lands to allow Bureau maintenance in the whole road instead of parcel maintenance.

Support

ATROW
Cadastral Survey
Lands
Operations - road maintenance

Maintain a good road improvement program so that they can supply access to recreation areas.

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

This is an ongoing process which is expected to use 1 WM per year at an annual cost of \$1,700.

MFP III DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Accept the Area Manager's recommendation and rationale

Multiple Use Analysis

Complement

Fire 1.2 - Improve legal access into areas of fire occurrence or of high resource values.

Conflict

None

The recommendation is socially significant, for without legal access the public lands can be closed to the public.

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Activity	Recreation 3.2
Overlay Reference	
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3.2 Recommendation:

MFP I Retain all public lands in identified recreation areas of Class A and B quality.

Rationale:

Class A and B Quality areas are the better recreation areas in the district. Disposal of public lands in these areas could lead to a loss of recreation opportunities. Private land owners could restrict access or even destroy the resource that is the source of the recreation. Steps should be taken to prevent any such loss.

Support:

None

Multiple Use Analysis.

Conflict:

Lands 2.1 Agricultural land disposals.

The identified lands receive heavy use by the general public for hunting, fishing, rock collecting, sightseeing and camping.

Multiple Use Recommendations

Reasons

MFP II 1. Modify the recommendation to read as follows: Assemble a multiple resource team to evaluate any land disposal actions.

1. Management can be enhanced through disposals or exchanges to block up land ownership. Every disposal action should be evaluated by a resource team to address the impacts of the action. This information can then be used by management to prepare the proper decision.

Support

Lands
All Specialists

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

MEP III
DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Prior to disposal of public lands, the recreational value of the proposed parcel should be analyzed. Those parcels determined to have high recreational value should not be disposed of unless to other public ownership under suitable recreation and public purposes disposals.

Rationale

Basic reinstatement of Bureau policy. Land use decision not really required to implement this recommendation. Make it a part of the District's standard operating procedures.

RECREATION

Recommendation 3.3

Maintain a good road improvement program so that they can supply access to recreation areas.

Rationale

Before people can use recreation facilities they have to be able to reach them. A road improvement program would help access. It would also cut down on wear and tear on vehicles, eliminate ruts, and minimize erosion.

Support

Operations

Multiple Use Recommendation

Include this recommendation as a support item under REC 2.2 RMP and REC 3.1.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale.

RECREATION

Recommendation 3.4

Establish further research and exact land status of the Eugene Mountain Petroglyphs with the idea of blocking up checkerboard patterns in this area to assume protection of the site if the landowner is willing. Once completed, design an interpretative plan.

Rationale

There is a good possibility that there is more to this site than the major examples of rock art. If so, this site may have high interpretative potential, this site should be researched to find out this information. However, before it can be worked, land status must be determined to discover ownership. If it is found that the land is private, attempts should be made to acquire it by the process of blocking up checkerboard lands.

Support

Cadastral, Lands, Archeology

Multiple Use Recommendation

Include this recommendation into sites listed in REC 1.2 under archeological.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Identify ownership. Coordinate the management, protection, and interpretation of the Eugene Mountain petroglyphs with the private landowner.

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RECREATION 3.5

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Retain in public ownership those lands that provide access to the Humboldt and Little Humboldt Rivers and those lands that adjoin these rivers but have no vehicular access.

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ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

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Activity

Recreation 4.1

Objective Number

4

Objective:

Protect and enhance the visual resource of the Paradise-Denio Resource Area.

Rationale:

Predicted gains in recreational visitation, as well as other land uses, point to the urgency of protecting the scenic resource now rather than waiting for "later". The preservation of these values will enhance the quality of life for succeeding generations. It is also a Bureau policy to manage the visual resources.

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Activity

Recreation 4.1

Overlay Reference

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4.1 Recommendation:

MFP 1

Provide Visual Resource Management (VRM) for the following areas in their respective classes.

Class II

West side of the Santa Rosas
North Fork of the Little Humboldt River Gorge
Paradise Hill
Humboldt River
Disaster Peak
Winnemucca Sand Dunes
Mahogany Mountain
Pine Forest
McGill Canyon-King Lear Peak
North end of the Bilk Creek Mountains

Class III

Part of the Eugene Mountains
Paradise Valley
Osgood Range
Portions of the Humboldt River
Bloody Run Hills
Portions of the Quinn River Valley

Class IV

The rest of the Paradise-Denio Resource Area

Exact locations for these areas must be obtained from the VRM Overlay No. 4.

Rationale:

Minimum management objectives have been established for areas which have been identified as visual management units through a six step process identified in BLM Manual 8400. Each VRM class describes a different degree of modification allowed in the basic elements of the landscape.

Class I provides primarily for natural ecological changes. There are no Class I areas in the Resource Area.

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Recreation 4.1

Overlay Reference

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Rec. 4.1 (continued)

Rationale:

Class II - Changes in any of the basic elements (form, line, color and texture) caused by a management activity should not be evident in the characteristic landscape. A contrast may be seen but should not attract attention.

Class III - Contrasts to the basic elements (form, line, color, texture) caused by a management activity may be evident and begin to attract attention in the characteristic landscape. However, the changes should remain subordinate to the existing characteristic landscape.

Class IV - Contrasts may attract attention and be a dominant feature of the landscape in terms of scale; however, the change should repeat the basic elements (form, line, color, texture) inherent in the characteristic landscape.

Support:

Resource Specialists, Operations

Multiple Use Analysis

Complement:

Wilderness 1.4 Identify activities that jeopardize wilderness suitability.

Conflict:

Lands 2.1 Agricultural land disposal.

Lands 6.1 Designate utility corridors.

Lands 7.1 Provide public lands for communicator sites.

Minerals 1.1 Make no land use decisions which would interfere with mineral development.

Minerals 1.2 Make no land use decisions which would interfere with potential mineral development in the Jackson Mountains (URN Class II).

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Recreation 4.1

Overlay Reference

Step 1

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Rec. 4.1 (continued)

Minerals 1.4 Make no land use decisions which would interfere with potential mineral development in the Osgood Mountains.

Minerals 5.1 Make no land use decisions that would interfere with the leasing and development of sodium and potassium.

Minerals 6.1 Make no land use decisions that would interfere with geothermal development.

Minerals 6.5 Make no land use decisions that would interfere with oil and gas development.

Range 2 Increase existing allocatable livestock forage by artificial methods.

Wildlife 1.13 Develop and implement HMPs.

Wildlife Aquatic 1.4 Fence identified riparian streams zones (N.F. Humboldt and Snow Creek).

Wildlife Aquatic 1.7 Develop and implement HMPs (N.F. Humboldt - fence construction).

Fire 1.3 Utilize fire equipment to its maximum design capabilities.

Multiple Use Recommendations

Reasons

1. Accept the recommendation.

1. Management actions should insure that the landscape's integrity is maintained for its respective class. There is a social value associated with a natural landscape.

MFP II

Support

All Specialists
Surface Protection Specialist
VRM Training
Operations

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

MEP III DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Manage the following areas in the VRM classes listed. Manage these areas according to the visual guidelines for each class.

Class II

West side of the Santa Rosas
North Fork of the Little Humboldt River Gorge
Paradise Hill
Humboldt River
Disaster Peak
Winnemucca Sand Dunes
Mahogany Mountain
Pine Forest
McGill Canyon-King Lear Peak
North end of the Bilk Creek Mountains

Class III

Part of the Eugene Mountains
Paradise Valley
Osgood Range
Portions of the Humboldt River
Bloody Run Hills
Portions of the Quinn River Valley

Class IV

The rest of the Paradise-Denio Resource Area

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Activity

Recreation

Objective Number

5

Objective:

Maintain safety in recreation areas.

Rationale:

Safety is one of the Bureau's prime concerns. All efforts should be made to ensure that the visitor's stay is a safe one. Unsafe conditions may cause death, personal injury and/or property loss. If the public lands are to be managed properly, safety must always be present.

RECREATION

Recommendation 5.1

Establish complete communication in the Pine Forest area by placing one or more radio repeaters so that the entire area can be reached by radio from the Winnemucca Office. These repeaters should not be inside the Pine Forest Vehicle Closure Area.

Rationale

Presently, only certain areas in the Pine Forest Range can be reached by radio from the Winnemucca Office. It can be very dangerous if someone working there has an emergency and is unable to reach help. It could be weeks before someone else was in that particular area. Also, if someone was injured in the area, the promptness of medical care could be the difference between life and death.

Since the Pine Forest Closure is supposed to be as pristine as possible, the repeaters should not be located inside it.

Support

Technical Services (Radio)

Multiple Use Recommendation

Accept this recommendation but include it as a support item to REC 2.2 developing Recreation Management Plans.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

This recommendation can be dropped. The Bureau has put in a new repeater to accomplish this.

RECREATION .

MFP I
Recommendation 5.2

Purchase a portable sewage pump to empty outhouses.

Rationale

Presently the Winnemucca District has three outhouses in the Pine Forest. There will probably be more located there and in the future it is probable that other places throughout the district will have some. The BLM now contracts the pumping operation but this operation is limited because the pump cannot travel over extremely rough roads. This limits the areas in which outhouses can be located. Indiscriminate use of the lands as a bathroom can lead to the transmitting of diseases.

Support

Operations

Multiple Use Recommendations

MFP II
Include this recommendation as a support item to REC 2.2 and the Pine Forest Recreation Management Plan.

MFP III
DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale.

Rationale

A MFP decision is not required. This can be programmed in the AWP.

RECREATION

MFP I
Recommendation 5.3

Use a ranger to patrol recreation areas.

Rationale

There is heavy recreation use in the Pine Forest. Manyb activities occur, often conflicting. On occasion, this has led to violent disagreement. Someone with law enforcement power, preferably a ranger, is needed to protect the public from each other. The ranger can also be used to enforce government regulations. There have been a number of violations of the vehicle closure. Also, this person can collect visitor use data in recreation areas.

Support

Technical Services (Law Enforcement), Personnel Services

MFP II
Multiple Use Recommendation

Include this recommendation as a support item to REC 2.2 and the Pine Forest Recreation Management Plan.

MFP III
DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale.

Rationale

The need for a ranger has not been shown. The district realizes only minor damage from vandalism.

RECREATION

MFP I

Recommendation 5.4

Construct a communications link so that, in case of emergencies, employees in the field can contact emergency services in a community after normal working hours.

Rationale

Presently, if an emergency occurs in the field after working hours, there is no way for the employee to contact someone until he/she reaches a telephone. Most employees carry a radio in the field. A way is needed for the employee to reach emergency service at night.

Support

Technical Services (Radio)

Multiple Use Recommendation

Accept this recommendation but include it as a support item to REC 2.2 developing Recreation Management Plans.

MFP II

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale.

Rationale

The Humboldt County Commission has recently signed an agreement with the BLM and this recommendation can be handled under that agreement. No MPF decision is needed.

MFP III

RECREATION

P I
Recommendation 5.5

During the visitor use season, have two people work the Pine Forest area.

Rationale

During the use season, the Winnemucca District usually has only one person working in the Pine Forest. With days off and travel to and from site, this person is only there four days out of the week. All sorts of emergencies could happen during the three days he/she is gone. Since the area encourages the hiring to people with first aid training both people should be able to handle any emergency.

Also, there are occasionally jobs that can only be done by two people. If that second person is not there, the job will not get done.

Support

None

Multiple Use Recommendation

MFP I I
Include this recommendation as a support item to REC 2.2 and the Pine Forest Recreation Management Plan.

III
DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale.

Rationale

A MFP decision is not needed to do this.

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ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

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Activity

Recreation

Objective Number

6

Objective:

Preserve certain selected sites from being damaged or torn down.

Rationale:

Preservation of certain selected sites may present educational and interpretative opportunities as well as enjoyment by the public. Some site may lend character to a scene or may illustrate what life was like 100 years ago. Steps should be taken to protect these sites from both natural and man-caused events.

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Activity

Recreation 6.1

Overlay Reference

Step 1

Step 3

6.1 Recommendation:

MFP 1

Protect the aspen carvings in the Pine Forest from fire and cutting.

Rationale:

These carvings were done by Basque sheepherders in the early 1900's. They used to pass the time by carving figures into the tree trunks. Some of these carvings are quite artistic. Most of the trees are getting old and it is not known how long they will last. However, while they are present, they should be protected from destruction. Vandalism has not been serious. However, fire and threat of cutting for firewood is.

Support:

Fire, Forestry

Multiple Use Analysis

Complement:

Cultural Resources 1.3 Through special protection from fire and cutting, preserve all Basque aspen carvings. Photo document these carvings.

Wilderness 1.4 Identify activities that jeopardize wilderness suitability.

Conflict:

Wildlife 1.3 Improve the condition of aspen habitats for wildlife (burning, cutting and spraying).

Wildlife Aquatic 1.18 That fire lines not be constructed along riparian stream zones, and fire retardant not be applied directly to streams.

Fire 1.3 Utilize fire equipment to its maximum design capabilities.

Forestry 1.3 Utilize prescribed burning and/or clear cutting to enhance deteriorated stands of aspen.

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Activity

Recreation 6.1

Overlay Reference

Step 1

Step 3

Rec. 6.1 (continued)

These Basque carvings date back to the early 1900's and depict a portion of the Basque culture.

Multiple Use Recommendations

Reasons

MFP 11

Modify the recommendations as follows:

1. Inventory and photo document Basque aspen carvings and initiate on-site preservation selected sites.

1. An inventory should begin to identify sites where aspen stands have important or selected of carvings that can be protected through actions such as fencing. These areas should also be photo documented as a safety measure against wild fire.

Multiple Use Recommendations

Reasons

2. Use photo documentation or other preservation techniques such as cut and varithain to preserve this historical information when management actions will cause removal or destruction of these carvings.

2. At times management actions may require treatment of these aspen stands to stimulate growth for wildlife or other reasons. Before any treatment is applied, carvings should be photo documented or selected carvings removed in whole and preserved. This information should be given to the Basque Studies Program at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Support

Fire Management Plan
Forest Products Inventory
All Specialists
Operations
Basque Studies Program, UNR

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

III
DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Wherever feasible and practical preserve significant Basque aspen carvings by protecting trees from fire or cutting or mitigate damage through photo-documentation, rubbings, or other acceptable means. Donate some or all preserved carvings to the Humboldt County Museum or the Nevada State Museum.

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6.2 Recommendation:

MFP 1

Evaluate line shacks, miner's cabins, and other isolated historical structures on a case by case basis to determine which should be left intact and which should be destroyed. This evaluation will consider which sites have the historic, scenic or other aesthetic qualities that make the structures appeal to a visitor's curiosity or sense of beauty.

Rationale:

Many of the old mining camps have shacks that have taken on a pleasing weathered appearance. Many people associate them with the mystique of the "Old West". The weathering has given them a kind of character which is appealing to many people. Not all of these old shacks have this quality. Some should be torn down and the land rehabilitated. This is why the evaluation will have to be on a case by case basis.

Support:

Cultural Resources
Fire Protection

Multiple Use Analysis

Complement:

Cultural Resources 1.4 Identify historical sites for special protection from fire.

Cultural Resources 1.5 Preserve a representative sample of line shacks and other isolated historical structures.

No conflict.

These sites may have historical significance and should not be destroyed until they have been evaluated.

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Activity

Recreation 6.2

Overlay Reference

Step 1

Step 3

Rec. 6.2 (continued)

Multiple Use Recommendation

1. Accept the recommendation.

Reasons

1. These sites offer the public the living history of the west and its development. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1969 calls for the preservation of historic sites including those of local significance. Part of the evaluation should be a determination if the structures are authorized structures on the public lands and if they may be attractive nuisances and a hazard to the public.

Support

All Specialists
Fire Management Plan

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

MFP II

MFP

III

DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Line shacks, miner's cabins, and other isolated historical structures will be evaluated to determine which should be left intact and protected. This evaluation will consider which sites have the historic, scenic, or other aesthetic qualities that make the structures appeal to a visitor's sense of beauty or sense of curiosity.

Rationale

Although not required as a land use decision this recommendation would ensure that proper consideration of historical values be addressed prior to any building destruction action taken by the Bureau.

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6.3 Recommendation:

MFP 1 Designate the following areas as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern:

Pine Forest Range *(Area Taken Closed) 6*
North Fork of the Little Humboldt River *Gorge*
All riparian areas

Rationale:

These areas have been identified in the URA as being potential ACEC's. The Pine Forest Range is very heavily used by recreationists and is very fragile in some areas. This fragility relates to plant and animal species and amount of litter left by recreationists.

The North Fork of the Little Humboldt River Gorge is in a relatively isolated area but it is of such high scenic quality that action should be taken to preserve this quality.

Riparian areas are one of the most heavily used types of areas in which recreation occurs. Wildlife water there; vegetation is usually lush; fish may be in the streams; the temperature is cooler and usually more enjoyable for visitors. These areas should be protected.

Support:

None.

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Name (M/F/P)	
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Recreation 6.3	
Overlay Reference	
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Multiple Use Analysis

Rec. 6.3

Complements:

Forestry 1.4 Establish all mountain mahogany, limber pine, whitebark pine, aspen and cottonwood stands as ACECs.

Wildlife 1.1 Designate all crucial wildlife use areas as ACECs.

Wildlife Aquatic 1.3 Designate all riparian/stream areas as ACECs.

Range Designate all waters, riparian areas and remnant (range sites) areas as ACECs.

Conflict:

Lands 2.1 Agricultural land disposals.

Lands 6.1 Utility right-of-way corridors.

Minerals 1.1 Make no land use decisions that would interfere with mineral development.

Minerals 5.1 Make no land use decisions that would interfere with leasing and development of sodium and potassium.

Minerals 6.1 Make no land use decisions that would interfere with geothermal development.

Minerals Make no land use decision that would interfere with oil and gas development.

Range 1.8 Do not fence drainages, or riparian sites.

Fire 1.3 Utilize fire equipment to its maximum design capabilities.

This recommendation is consistent with FLPMA Section 201(a).

MFP II Multiple Use Recommendation

Designate the following as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern:

The Pine Forest Vehicle Closure Areas (7-7-77)

The North Fork of the Little Humboldt River (lower gorge)

Trees species (mountain mahogany, aspen, cottonwood, limber pine and whitebark pine), and riparian areas (meadows and stream banks).

Develop a Fire Management Plan

Conduct studies on district ACECs to monitor trend and condition to see if management plans are reaching their objectives.

Rationale

These areas are critical to recreationists for many reasons such as hunting, camping, fishing, sightseeing and photography and as such need consideration in any management decision to foster and maintain their associated values.

A fire management plan should include the proper mix of fire tactics and equipment necessary to protect resource values.

Support

All Specialists
Fire Management
Operations

Time Frame and Funding Requirements (Manpower)

The designation should be completed by the end of FY 83, while the monitoring of trends and conditions will be an ongoing process.

The designation is expected to take 3 WM at a cost of \$5100.

MFP II DISTRICT MANAGER'S DECISION

Reject the recommendation and rationale.

Rationale

The Bureau has management authority to adequately protect these areas without them becoming ACECs.